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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Sierra Leone and has the honor to refer to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone Regarding the Consolidation, Reduction, and Rescheduling of Certain Debts Owed to, Guaranteed by, or Insured by the United States Government, signed in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on April 25, 2003, as amended on NOVEMBER 2, 2005 AND January 12, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement").

The Embassy of the United States has the further honor to refer to the message from the Chairman of the Paris Club of June 1, 2006 advising the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone of the decision of the Paris Club to extend the consolidation period in the Agreed Minute signed in Paris on October 16, 2001, AS AMENDED ON July 10, 2002. In keeping with this decision, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes to amend the Agreement as follows:

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

Delete the current text of Article II, paragraph 2 of the Agreement and replace it with the following text: "'Consolidation Period' means the period from October 1, 2001 through November 30, 2006, inclusive."

Delete the current text of Article IV, paragraphs 1-3 of the Agreement and replace it with the following text: "1. The Consolidation Period shall be the period from October 1, 2001 through November 30, 2006, inclusive." Article IV, paragraphs 4 through 7 should be renumbered accordingly.

If so amended, the amounts consolidated and reduced will be adjusted accordingly, in conformity with Article III, paragraph 2 and Article [IV][SHOULD BE VI], paragraph 2 of the Agreement. The Agencies of the United States Government will undertake to notify the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone of those amounts in the coming weeks.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Embassy of the United

States of America proposes that this note and the Ministry's reply note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement, which shall enter into force upon written notice to the Republic of Sierra Leone from the United States that all U.S. domestic legal requirements for entry into force of the amendment have been fulfilled.

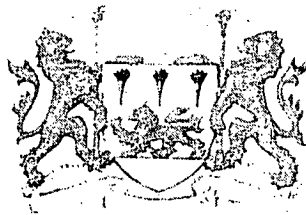
The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Sierra Leone the assurance of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
Freetown, September 7, 2006



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7th September 2006

His Excellency
Ambassador Thomas Neil Hull
The Embassy of the United States of America
Freetown

Your Excellency,

**EXTENSION OF THE CONSOLIDATION PERIOD
TO NOVEMBER 30, 2006**

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your Note Verbale dated September 7, 2006, and to extend, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Sierra Leone, our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Government and people of the United States of America for extending the Consolidation period under the Paris Club Agreed Minute of October 16, 2001 and its amendment of July 10, 2002.

While the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone avails itself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency the assurances of its highest consideration, I would like to inform you of the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone's acceptance to the content of the Note Verbale and to agree that this reply constitute an amendment to the Agreement signed on April 25, 2003.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Benjamin'.

Hon. John O. Benjamin
MINISTER OF FINANCE

Cc: The Minister
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation